

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-3. These sheets replace the original sheets. The following changes have been made to Fig. 1-3. The legends "Related Art" have been added to the figures.

Attachment:        Replacement sheet  
                         Annotated sheet showing changes

### REMARKS

At the outset, the Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 19, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

The Office Action indicated that a certified copy of the priority document was not received. However, the certified copy was submitted on April 19, 2004. The Examiner agreed that a copy of the mailing receipt and a copy of the first page of the certified priority document would be sufficient to prove that the document was filed. These copies are attached herewith.

The drawings have been amended as follows. In Figures 1-3, the label "Related Art" has been added to the figures. The Applicants respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 is hereby amended and claim 3 has been cancelled and claim 5 has been newly added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,148,647 to *Kabeya et al.* (hereinafter "*Kabeya*"). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As required in Chapter 2131 of the M.P.E.P., in order to anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102, "the reference must teach every element of the claim." The Applicants respectfully submit that *Kabeya* does not teach every element recited in claims 1, 2 and 4 and therefore cannot anticipate these claims. More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 3 and recites a tub assembly in a drum-type washing machine which includes, among other features, "the tub body, the tub back, and the bearing housing are coupled by a coupling member." *Kabeya* fails to disclose this feature.

The Office Action alleges that *Kabeya* discloses "the tub body, tub back, and bearing housing 'coupled' by a coupling member including a bolt." The reinforcing plate 35/92 including bolts 36/42 is relied upon to teach this limitation. See page 3 of the Office Action. The Applicants respectfully disagree. Even if the reinforcing plate, including the bolts, of

*Kabeya* is considered a coupling member, it only couples the rear end plate 26b of the tub with the bearing housing 41. Both the plate and the bolts fail to even touch the tub body 26 of *Kabeya*. Therefore, it is impossible for the reinforcing plate of *Kabeya* to couple "the tub body, the tub back and the bearing housing" as required by claim 1. Further, *Kabeya* fails to teach "the coupling member is a bolt." While *Kabeya* may disclose the use of bolts, the bolts do not couple "the tub body, the tub back, and the bearing housing" as required by claim 4.

For at least the aforementioned reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over *Kabeya*, and request that the rejection be withdrawn. Likewise, claims 2 and 4, which depend from claim 1 are also patentable for at least the same reasons.

The Applicants further submit that newly added claim 5 is patentably distinguishable over *Kabeya*.

The application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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- Declaration (3 pages)
- Assignment/PTO-1595 (3 pages)
- Part 2 Copy of Notice
- Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (1 page)
- Fee Transmittal (1 page)
- Claim for Priority/Priority Document (1)
- Petition for Extension of Time (1 page)
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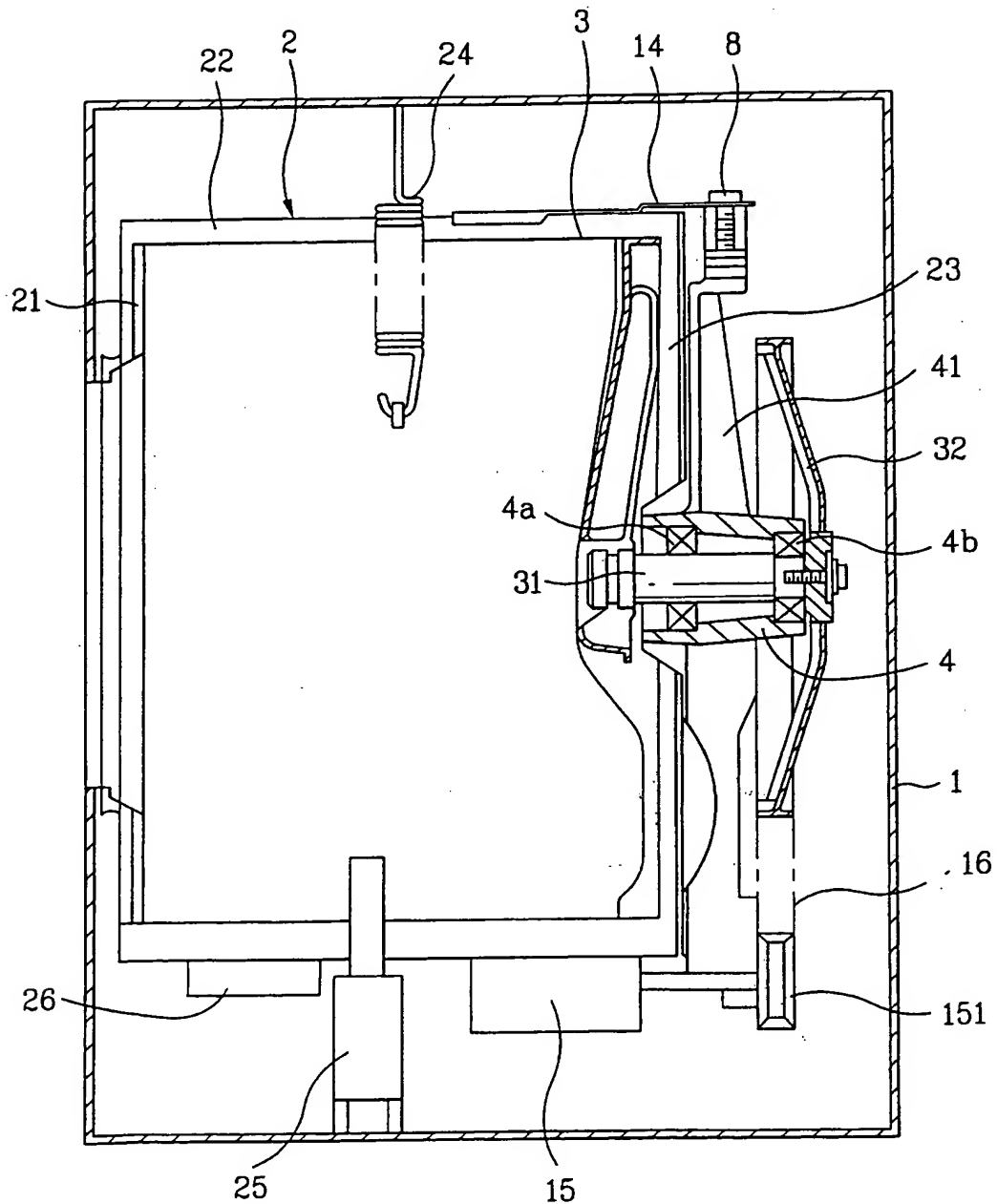
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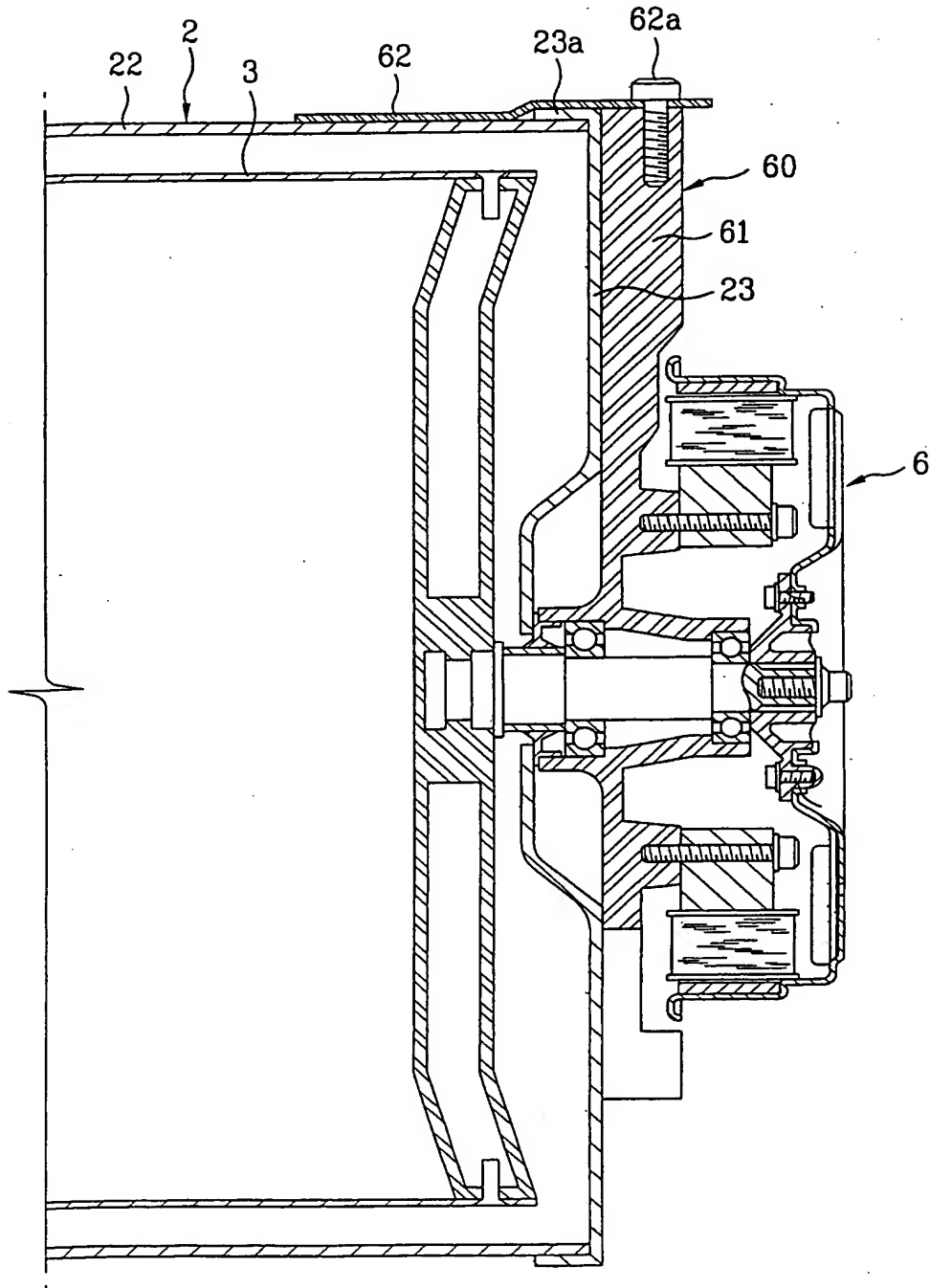


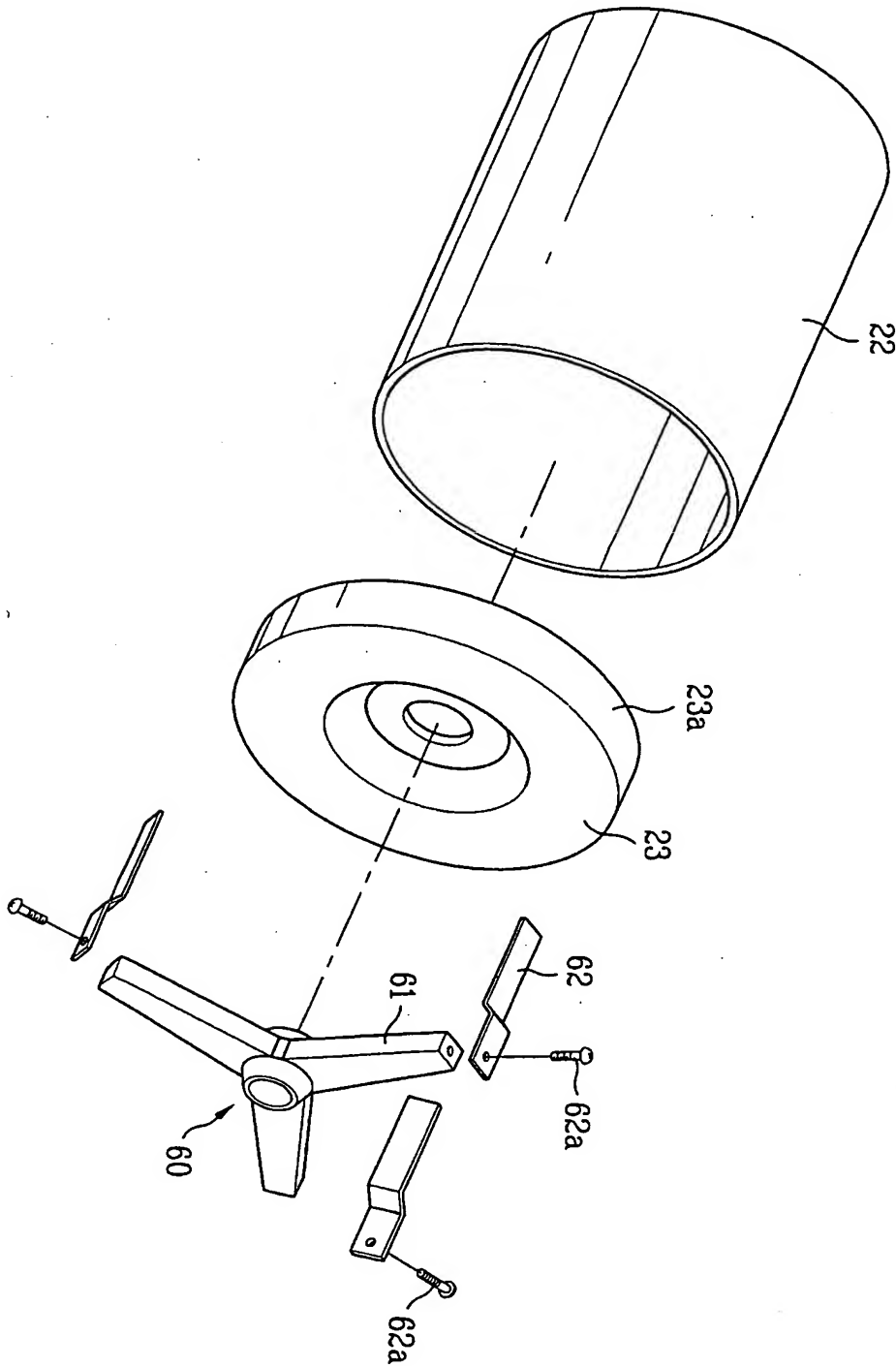
Related Art

FIG. 1



Related Art  
FIG. 2





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FIG. 3